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INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION
IMPLANT HAVING AN

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TRAILING END

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Dear Sir

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 16, 2011 and the Notice of Panel Decision dated July 13, 2011, transmitted herewith is an Appeal Brief in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

The total amount of \$670.00 to cover the \$130.00 one-month extension fee and the \$540.00 Appeal Brief fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted.

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